

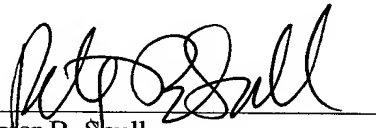
Remarks

Claims 1-13 are of record as the originally filed claims in this case; filed concurrently herewith. Claims 1 – 10 are cancelled hereby and claims 11 and 13 are hereby amended and claims 14 – 30 are added. Claims 11-13 were withdrawn from consideration in the priority case (SN 09/900,652; filed July 7, 2001) as drawn to a non-elected invention there, but are intended to be pursued here. As a result, Claims 11-13 remain pending in this case, with newly added claims 14 – 30 so that now, claims 11 – 30 are presently in issue.

This case is thus in proper form for examination and action to this end is respectfully requested so that claims 11 – 30 may then be allowed and this case passed to issue. If there are any questions, or if prosecution can be expedited in any manner by a telephonic conference, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-printed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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